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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to the glycopeptide, is classified in class 530, subclasses 395 and 402, class 514, subclass 8, class 424, subclass 278.1.
- II. Claims 15-17, drawn to a method of treating a mammal having bacterial disease, are classified in class 514, subclass 8, and class 424, subclass 278.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Invention I is related to Invention II as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the glycopeptide can be immobilized on the chip-gold surface using surface plasma resonance technique for detecting real time protein-protein interaction, for example.

Additional Election Under 35 USC 121

Irrespective of whichever group applicant may elect, applicant is further required under 35 US 121 to elect a single glycopeptide structure to which claims are restricted.

If any Group I is elected, applicant is required to elect Formula I or Formula II (under the proviso set forth in claim 1, the last three paragraphs) from claim 1.

If Formula I is elected, applicant is further required to elect one chemical group for R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, X¹, X² and X³ from claim 1, Formula I, wherein one subgroup: R^a, or/and R^b, or/and R^c, or/and R^d, or /and R^e, or/and R^f, or/and Y, and

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or/and Z should be defined and elected with the defined index number "n" or/and "x", if wherein the R^a, or/and R^b, or/and R^c, or/and R^d, or/and R^e, or/and R^f, Y or/and Z are applicable thereof. For group R¹ especially, applicants are required to elected (i) one structural moiety from claim 2 with the defined subgroup R^a, or/and R^b, or/and Z, or/and R^f, or/and Y, or/and "x", or, (ii) the structural moiety (formula) set forth in claim 3 wherein R¹⁵ should be elected from one sub-structural-moiety from claims 3 and 5 with the defined subgroup R^a, or/and R^b, or/and Z, or/and R^f, or/and Y, or/and "x", or/and R¹⁶, or, (iii) one substituent group from claims 4 or, claim 6 in which one subgroup R¹⁷ should be elected for R¹⁵ (from claim 16 only).

If Formula II is elected, applicant is further required to elect (i) one chemical group for R²⁰ with the defined R^a, or/and R^b, or/and Y, or/and Z, or/and R^f, or/and the defined index number "x" from claims 7 and 10, or (ii) one substituent group from claim 11 or claim 12. Please note that there is inconsistent claim number (claim 27) in claim 10); yet, examiner has assumed the recited "claim 27" is claim 7 instead of claim 2 because only claim 7 formula contains both R¹⁹ and R²⁰ but of claim 2 and claim 1 from which claim 2 depends do not.


The above additional election is required because the glycopeptides defined by each chemical group and/or subgroup thereof are distinct/different in structural and functional properties. Note that the election stated forgoing is NOT a species election, but is an additional election under 35 U.S.C. 121 since each composition is patentably distinct.

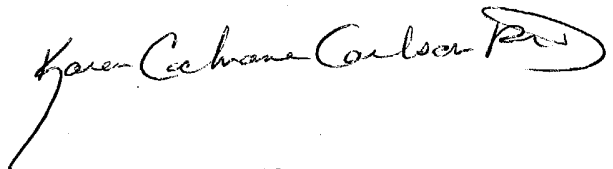
Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art shown by their different classification, art recognized divergent subject matter, separate search, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel Wei Liu, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-306-3483. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday 9:00 -5:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Christopher Low can be reached on (703) 308-2923. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 for regular communication and (703) 305-3014 for the after final communication. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 1600 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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